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## **Grand Teton National Park News Release**

## PARK ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATE

Grand Teton National Park Superintendent Steve Martin announced today that road improvement work will be underway on Highway 26/89/191 and Highway 89/287, during the week of September 22 - 26. This highway project will provide necessary improvements to the road surface.

Milling and paving will take place on Highway 26/89/191 from Cunningham Cabin to Moran Junction, and on Highway 89/287 from the park's east entrance to Jackson Lake Lodge. Milling of the pavement will begin September 24 and paving will take place by the end of the week, if favorable weather conditions allow. Vehicles will travel on one lane at a time with a pilot car leading traffic through the work zone. Delays of 20 - 30 minutes can be expected.

Roadwork continues along the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway from the South Entrance of Yellowstone National Park to one mile south of the Snake River bridge near Flagg Ranch. Installations and alterations of culverts, and headwall work are scheduled to conclude during the week of September 22. Flaggers will control traffic through this area with 10 - 15 minute delays possible.

Superintendent Steve Martin asks local residents and park visitors to please use caution, drive slowly, and watch out for workers and equipment when traveling through these project zones. Martin also reminds everyone that roadwork is necessary for the park to maintain safe and high quality roads to accommodate the high volume of traffic passing over them each year.

Favorable weather during September and October provides an opportunity to complete this roadwork before winter conditions arrive. The park will continue to make every effort to minimize the inconvenience of these projects for those people traveling through the work areas. The target completion date for the current work is fall of 2004.

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